

## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

**Title of Invention**    **METHOD FOR FABRICATING A THICK Ti64 ALLOY ARTICLE TO HAVE A HIGHER SURFACE YIELD AND TENSILE STRENGTHS AND A LOWER CENTERLINE YIELD AND TENSILE STRENGTHS**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒    The attached application, or
- ☐    Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_,
- ☐    as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

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Inventor three: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant: General Electric Company )  
Serial No.: ) Attn: LICENSING AND REVIEW  
Filed: October 24, 2003 )  
Title: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A THICK Ti64 ALLOY ARTICLE TO  
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We, Peter WAYTE and Ming Cheng LI, hereby declare:

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That the invention was made while we were employed by the General Electric Company, the assignee of the subject invention, using only the resources of the General Electric Company, including, for example, its funds, facilities, materials, information, and services;

That the invention set forth in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under, nor is there any known relationship of the making of the invention to the performance of, any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

That we signed this declaration on the date we signed the form papers accompanying the filing of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application with the understanding that the attorney of record would later insert the appropriate serial number and filing date hereinabove before submitting this Declaration to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office;

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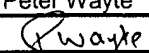
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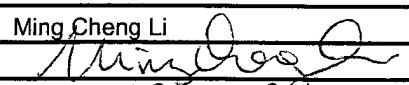
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